

To all Officers of Commanderies

August 10, 1950.

REPLACEMENT OF LOST RITUALS

The following instructions relative to lost rituals has been sent to all Grand Recorders:

TO ALL GRAND RECORDERS

DEAR SIR KNIGHT:

The lost ritual situation continues to be a vexatious matter. Affidavits coming to this office are made by Commanders and Recorders, whereas the affidavit must be made by the Sir Knight who signed the receipt for the Ritual and who lost it.

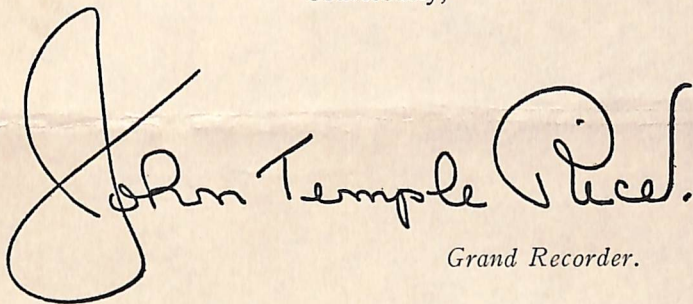
The affidavit forwarded to this office for replacement of lost ritual must comply with the following:

1. The name of the last known possessor of the Ritual.
2. If still living, his explanation.
3. If dead, the explanation given by members of his family.
4. Details of the search made among Officers and Past Officers of the Commandery, or the Grand Commandery, as the case may be.

The information on pages 96 and 97 of the Printed Proceedings of the Grand Encampment K. T. 1940, is valuable and should be helpful to all Grand Commanderies and Constituent and Subordinate Commanderies in keeping a record of the Rituals.

Your assistance in the Ritual problem will be appreciated.

Courteously,

A large, stylized handwritten signature in black ink. The signature appears to read "John Temple Rice". The first part of the signature is a large, loopy "J" that extends downwards. The last part is a large, circular "R" followed by "ice".

Grand Recorder.

JTR:P

Distribution, Copy to all Grand Commanders

Officers Grand Encampment

Department Commanders

Commanders and Recorders

Subordinate Commanderies